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# BERLIN ADMITS U-BOAT SANK STEAMER NEAR WHERE SUSSEX WAS DAMAGED

## 20,000 AT POLO GROUNDS CHEER YANKEES IN OPENING GAME OF BASEBALL SEASON

Caldwell and Johnson Pitch- PENSION FOR FARMERS ing Rivals in First Dash Toward Pennant.

BAKER GETS AN OVATION

"Germany" Shaefer and Altrock Make Crowd Forget Chilly Breezes.

LARRY DOYLE SCORES FOUR RUNS FOR GIANTS.

PHILADELPHIA, April 12 .-Before a crowd of 19,000 shivering fans, Larry Doyle, the Giants' second baseman, scored the first run in the first inning of the Giants-Phillies game here this afternoon. He crossed the plate at 3.12 P. M.

eckimpatich Caldwell, p. Harper, p. Umnures Councily and Owens

POLO GROUNDS, NEW YORK April 12.-The tid pupped off the base balt season here to day with quite crash. The Yanks and Scunture full restored bern bond. Securetary

and their constant their of each other's stuff served well to drive away

cheered on the rejuvenated and plutocratic Yanks, but it came mights close. Every box had neen and it advance, and when Shoulff Smith tossed out the first ball thore were upward of 20,000 spectators in the grandstand and bleachers. Reins sands of the fant chose the bic on a in preference to six bit sexts on an count of the sun. At time the call in the main stand was interest and those who had not beenight heavy. The Deve Tepe Fortifications Are wraps suffered.

And, to earry out the general Aveteidea of the initial scathering, the firplayer to appear on the field was old Doc Cook, looking for all the world like an explorer. He was sreeted tumultuously with as much ferror as If the King of Denmark was all over movement on the Greek frontier, the place. Close behind the old line came Fritz Ma(set, Gilhooley and lions from the Allies, came so think and fast expendity thick, as Bill Donovan suggested that it was impossible to keep trave, invrically supertor,

HOME RUN BAKER GETS BIG OVATION.

The new uniforms of the Yanka black of the Senators. The new tors have a blue pin stripe running blue pin stripe running advantagy.

There a blue pin stripe running allies captured that the Germanic allies captured the fortified position at Deve Tepe, but this has not been con-

## BROWN'S JOKE IN SENATE

Measure Giving \$10 a Month to All Living 30 Years on a Farm Is Rushed to Final Passage.

ALBANY, April 12.-Pensions for all farmers over thirty years of age duced in the Legislature to-day by

motion of Senator Brown advanced to third reading without reference

trace to \$77 when the applicant be sinte severals years old.

#### M'DONALD DROPPED FROM PRISON SERVICE

ontidential Clerk Who Was Supparter of Riley Is Let Out by Supt. Carter.

the marketing and bound to a second at the property of State Prison Department, James the ten prison supermments him wer wen at letter asking the testionation of Patrick H. Mc Dopald of Albany as confidential eria to become effective April 15. McDonald has been in the office of he prison superintendent since Deember, 1913. He was a loyal suppeter of John B. Riley, who was removed from the superintendency by lay. Whitman on charges growin out of difficulties with Thomas Moti Osborne, former Warden of Sing

The salary of the position is \$3,000 McDonabl's successor has not been decided apon-

#### GERMANS BEGIN ATTACK AT GRECIAN FRONTIER

Taken From Allies in First Assault.

ATHENS, April 12.-Greek newspapers announced to-day that the Germans have begun an offensive capturing the Devo Tepe fortifica-

A violent cannonade has been re-High, the strong outfield of our nasmoon front, north of Salonica. The affect botteries apparently are nu-

PARTS, April 12.-Resumption of violent commons have along the Greek and Degran, is reported in a despatch body was exposed to the public at The new uniforms of the Yanks from Salonics to Le Petit Journal. It slears Mojada and Escalen. In contrast with the drait gray and is said the French artiflery had the The bandit leader. Mach

## VILLA HIDING IN MOUNTAINS WITH SMALL FOLLOWING

Mexican War Secretary Says Carranza Forces Will Surely Capture Bandit.

S. TROOPS FAR SOUTH

Now at Durango Border, Says Report-Gen. Funston to Strengthen Line.

WASHINGTON, April 12 - A cable

all his followers during the recen with less than 150 men. I have given

day the progress of a new plan for sending supplies forward to Brig. Gen. Pershing's columns. A trial shipment of forage has lacen sent over the Mexican Central Line, which has more direct route to Chihuahua han the Mexican Northwestern, which heretofore has carried some chipments.

#### U. S. TROOPS ARE NOW A DATA A A A Section of the Art THE DURANGO LINE; NEW BASE AT PARRAL

EL PASO, Tex. Am 112 - That the American expeditionary force has none rated for beyond Parrol and is

rary base near Parral and that two gun by the Germans Saturday. The occurred near Felahie, twenty-three last week. This is the first authentic Brown for several days.

There is nothing official here or at rmy headquarters at Columbus, N. M., to confirm a report that Troops K and M. Seventh Cavalry, killed a thirty-five others last Saturday south tre. of Satevo, Military officers at Collumbus do not credit the report.

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are being steadily forwarded by the

#### VILLA BAND BEATEN: LEADER IS EXECUTED BY CARRANZA TROOPS

TORREON, Mexico, April 12.-Carsinza troops under Gen, Ignacio some ground in Cillierte Woods, Ramos are reported to have defeated southeast of Fort Donaumont, accord-Villa bandits in an engagement at ing to the official statement issued to-Sierra Mojada. The bandits' leader, day by the German Army Headquarfrontier, in the vicinity of Glevegh L. D. Labarra, was executed and his ters. The report says:

## GERMANS REPORT GAINS NORTHEAST OF VERDUN, BUT FRENCH DISPUTE CLAIM

Drive on the West Side of the Meuse Follows the Reported Defeat Last Night of Assaults Between Douaumont and Vaux.

PARIS, April 12.—The German assault at Verdon swong back again to the west side of the Meuse to-day after the terrific battle of last night, in which the Crown Prince made a desperate effort to drive through the trenches between Douaumont and Vaux, northeast of the with 1688 city. The War Office announces the German troops advanced on Caurette Wood, south of Cumieres, near Dead Man's Hill, but were repulsed. Flaming liquids were again used in the attack.

A terrific concentrated fire was poured in all day yesterday on the northeastern ridge of Dead Man's Hill, where a heavy German attack Monday night gained a foothold on the slopes. Having gained this grip on the French second line of defense, the Crown Prince began systematic artillery preparation for a renewal of the assault, creating a diversion meanwhile by attacking east of the Meuse. Following is the text of to-day's

IN BATTLE NEAR

Defeat Most Disastrous, Say

Turks, Since Townshend's

Force Was Shut Up.

ish official statement, "the enemy at

but Turkish troops killed all thes

tership of Wilkes-Barre.

WASHINGTON, April 12 - President

enemy forces with the bayonet.

acked with all his forces our post-

"On the left bank of the River Meuse the Germana this morning delivered an attack on our posiwhich they made use of flamous liquids. They were everywhere repulsed.

"On the right bank of the river there has been great artifler; activity between Douannant and Vaux, but last night saw no resumption of the infantry fighting at this point.

"It has been confirmed that the very violent offensive antim year terday afternoon at 4 abuncle in us cost the enems brown bases The night passed relatively quiet on the remainder of the front."

The blow which fell late yesternear if not actually at the Chihuahua- day between Douaumont and Vaux War Office reported to-day. Durango border line is indicated in was finally beaten back. The Ger- The British defeat is the most discode despatches received here this mans first penetrated French ad- astrous since the beginning of the afternoon by private concerns with vanced trenches, but were driven campaign to relieve Gen. Townshend's out by counter-attacks of great These despatches said the American violence. The attack to-day was a forces besieged in Kut-el-Amara for advance columns now had a tempo- continuation of the grand assault be- more than four months. The fighting companies of the motor truck train Crown Prince smashed heavily against miles east of Kut-el-Amara, to the here delivered supplies at this base the French centre in the fighting on hend of the Tigris River. Sunday. During Sunday night large "After an hour and a half of heavy oformation that has come from the forces were transferred to the French artiflery preparation," said the Turkflying column of Cals. Dold and right wing, and at daybreak on Monday the Germans launched an attempt to roll up the French flank.

Caught under the combined fire from Dead Man IIII) and Hill 194. hing penetrated parts of our trenches. the Germans were beaten back in number of Villa bandits and cantured their assault against the French cen-On the northeast they were shielded by ravines and hills from Supplies in increasing quantities their most substantial success of the three days' buttle,

#### GAINS ARE CLAIMED BY THE GERMANS IN REPORTS FROM VERDUN Derdanelles, suffered mostly."

BERLIN (vta Loudon), April 12 -German troops in the aperations against Verdun vesterday gained

"A night sortic by a small German detachment agnitust an Enghah position near La Boiselle, northeast of Albert, resulted in twenty-nine prisoners and one

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### RICHARD HARDING DAVIS

# DEAD IN HIS HOME

wright and Novelist is Victim of Heart Disease.

Richard Harding Davis, governor war correspondent and playwright, dropped dead at his country bonne 'ross Roads Form, near Mount Kisco. last right. The end come as he was at a relephone; dictating a telegram to a friend at the Harvard Club in thus city. His death was due to heart

sique and Bardened by experience in military campaigns all over the world. British solders were killed and thousands of others wounded in an unmarked mans of the strain which had successful attack on the Turkish lines been put on him by his experiences oneast of Kut-cl-Amara, the Turkfah care of a physician and had been kept.

After dinner last evening Mr. Davis go to the library to telephone. Mrs. planes, was in the air twenty-four theory that the Susanx explosion was Davis was formerly Bessle McCoy, a dancer, who charmed thousands at the Hippodrome and later as the "Yama Yama" girl. Mr. Davis did not return and at midnight, Mrs. Davis, thinking he had happened on behind. a book which had absorbed him, went upstairs to go to bed. Just before retiring she went to the head of the coun near Februare. The battle lasted

BY MRS. DAVIS There was no answer, and thinking

re had dropped asleep, she went down "The remainder of the British to find him. He was lying on the roops were driven off, suffering floor, dead, bodds the telephone. Mr. the batteries of Hill 304 and gained heavy losses, in the Turkish trenches Davis, as soon as she was able to not yet twenty-one. and before them, were counted 3,000 control herself, telephoned Mr. Davis's "I was having a little argument from the German Foreign Office at of the enemy's dead. Of the enemy's brother, Charles Belmont Davis, also with two passengers in a Fokker some moon Sesterday. The message he sent troops, the British Thirteenth Division, composed exclusively of regiments which formerly fought at the

WILSON BREAKS DEADLOCK. Ends Long Contest Over Postmasfrequently up to the time of her her first and heal the satisfaction death at Cross Roads Farm in this of secure my two termine finish the town is the vicinity of the sussex is Young Davis was harty through with Wilson and Postconster General Burleson to-day agreed to appoint Lawrence My Casey is a profiler of Representa. his courses at Johns Hopkins and Lor. 1-Boat Commander Gets "Pour Le New information on the Succes case ive Comy of Pennsylvania. There has SHORT EASTER (RUISES, Literature, licketa, sailings, &c., in all steam-able lines at The World Travel Bureau, Arcade, Publish World Building Avid Park Row New York City, Telephone Bestman 6000,—Adva.

## TORPEDOING OF FOUR SHIPS JUSTIFIED BY RULES OF WAR, BERLIN CONTENDS IN NOTE

Germany, While Admitting That a Ship Was Sunk Near Sussex's Line of Travel, Says No U-Boat Attacked Cross Channel Steamer.

#### GERARD SENDS LANSING SECRET REPORT ON CASE

BERLIN, April 12 (B) Wireless to the Associated Fress from a Staff Gorrespondent).-The German reply to the American note concerning the damaging or sinking of four steamships contains the statement that the steamers Englishman, Eagle Point, Manchester Engineer and Berwindvale were de troyed by German submarines. Evidence is presented to show that these vessels were torpedoed legally, in accordance with the

The note states that a German submarine torpedoed a steamship in the vicinity of the place at which the cross-channel steamship Sussex was damaged by an explosion, but that evidence at hand indicates that the War Correspondent. Play- vessel torped ed by the submarine was not the Sussex.

## I WELLOW WALLED IN BATTLE WITH FIVE BIG FOKKERS

Mr. Davis, though of robust play Remarkable Exploit of Lieut. Navarre, in Which He Fought Single-Handed.

PACIS, April 12-As the French The statement is made that the subinfantry and artiflery are making marine commanders themselves before For two weeks he had been under the every effort to block the efforts of the anking the ships, that their destruction Germans to get toward Verdun their was justified and that the creas were Last week Adjutant Navarre, who aboard the vessels. left his wife in the drawing room to has accounted for seven German aero-

> Fokkers single handed. "They were fairly far off," he said, that vessel. According to the ver-

"Suddenly, as if at a given signal, convinced a mine was responsible, all five here down on me I waited and so stated after the disaster. Infor them. Then I made three little vestigating officers, according to this teops and come up behind two tok. \*\*Prices: "Bulkranged" min into BODY IS DISCOVERED ON FLOOR hers. Naturally, I lot drive at them, changing his succession, which he now The others dared but try to sulpe tepudiates

mander of the submarine made a sketch at the rame. This sketch has been compared with a photograph of the Sussex and has been found to be quite dissipolar in build, arrangement of stacks, &c. Therefore it is presusped a mine was responsible for the

lamaging of the Sussex. In the way of corroboration it is stated that German mayal forces destrayed 26 floating mines on that day Recording the cases of the Englishman, Eagle Point and Berwindvale it is stated they were standard to half but disregarded the sumate. There-

Quen a studie shots were mod omrades in the uir are no less busy, safely in boats, no man being left

A few days ago Navarre fought five caused by a nune is furnished by a statement of a Swiss passenger on "They were fairly far off," he said, sion of his statement given to the "to the right and left, and before and Associated Press, he asserts he is

The others dared but try to the mental form of the fear of litting their own pals. A long personal message from America for fear of litting their own pals. A long personal message from America for fear of litting their own pals. One of the most extraordinary feats decrease communication on the Mus-

was performed by a beginner who is sex and allied cases to Washington. tierard forwarded the statement

brother, Charles Belmont Davis, also noted as a writer of fiction, at his home in Hoboken, and he wont at smilingly. "A broadside from their machine sum put mine out of business There was nothing for me to Cross Ronds Farm, which is as miles from the town.

The home in Hoboken, and he wont at machine sum put mine out of business. There was nothing for me to do not to make neverly scarce, but I was also marry I note in sweep at from the four freight ships referred to my vars old. He was the son of L. The hier making off the best part of it. The hier part of it is the foregoing despatch is related to make the four of the least part of it. The hier part of it is the foregoing despatch is related to make the four of the least part of it. The hier part of it is the foregoing despatch is related to the foregoing despatc

The admission that a submarine

his courses at Johns Hopking and Ley high before he began to make a name as a writer. He worked in Pintadot.

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